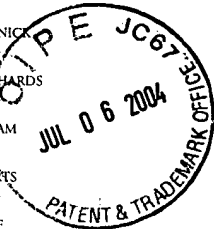


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— Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

X A Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.132 is enclosed.

X A certified copy of Canadian Application No. 2,279,774 to which priority is claimed is enclosed.

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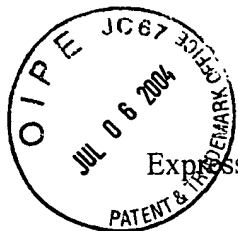
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